# Class Title: Public Safety Telecommunications Trainee

### **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE CLASSIFICATION:**

Functions as a trainee in the duties of receiving requests for police, fire, and emergency medical services via multi-line telephones, including 911 lines and computer-aided dispatch (CAD) and dispatching public safety units. Operates various telecommunications equipment to dispatch public safety units and monitor radios and telephone calls. Simultaneously attends to telephone and radio system while entering and extracting data from computer systems.

### **ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:**

This information is intended to be descriptive of the key responsibilities of the classification. The following examples do not identify all duties performed by any single incumbent. Specific requirements of individual positions are described in the Job Description.

	Physical Strength Code	ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS
1	S	Responds to emergency requests by answering multi-line telephones, including 911 lines and computer-aided dispatch (CAD), determining the caller's needs and giving advice, sending information to dispatcher, and verifying information given by caller.
2	S	Learns to dispatch police, fire, and emergency medical service units by relaying information to street units, verifying information, following up with callers, and monitoring radio transmission.

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## **CLASS REQUIREMENTS:**

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Formal Education /	Work requires knowledge necessary to understand basic operational,	
Knowledge	technical, or office processes. Level of knowledge equivalent to four years	
	of high school or equivalency.	
Experience	No experience required.	
Certifications and	VCIN/NCIC, CPR, Academy, Emergency Medical Dispatch, Typing 30	
Other Requirements	WPM	
Reading	Work requires the ability to read maps, reference books, technical manuals,	
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Math	N/A	
Writing	Work requires the ability to write telephone messages.	
Managerial	N/A	
Budget Responsibility	N/A	
Supervisory /	Job has no responsibility for the direction or supervision of others.	
Organizational Control		
Complexity	Work involves choices of action within limits set by standard practices and	
	procedures. Professional judgment is required to apply the proper course of	
	action.	
Interpersonal / Human	Contacts others within the organization. These contacts may involve	
Relations Skills	similar work units or departments within the City which may be involved in	
	decision making or providing approval or decision making authority for	
	purchases or projects. In addition, works with individuals outside the City	
	who may belong to professional or peer organizations. Working with	
	various state and federal agencies may also be required.	

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## **OVERALL PHYSICAL STRENGTH DEMANDS:**

Sedentary X	Light	Medium	Heavy	Very Heavy
S = Sedentary Exerting up to 10 lbs. occasionally or negligible weights frequently; sitting most of the time	L = Light Exerting up to 20 lbs. occasionally, 10 lbs. frequently, or negligible amounts constantly OR requires walking or standing to a significant degree.	M = Medium Exerting 20-50 lbs. occasionally, 10-25 lbs. frequently, or up to 10 lbs. constantly.	H = Heavy Exerting 50-100 lbs. occasionally, 25-50 lbs. frequently, or up to 10-20 lbs. constantly.	VH = Very Heavy Exerting over 100 lbs. occasionally, 50-100 lbs. frequently, or up to 20-50 lbs. constantly.

## **PHYSICAL DEMANDS:**

C = Continuously	F = Frequently	O = Occasionally	R = Rarely	N = Never
2/3 or more of the time.	From 1/3 to 2/3 of the time.	Up to 1/3 of the time.	Less than 1 hour per week.	Never occurs.

This is a description of the way the job is currently performed; it does not address the potential for accommodation.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS	FREQUENCY CODE	DESCRIPTION
Standing	R	Copier, fax equipment, filing
Sitting	C	Computer, desk work, answering telephones, dispatching, meetings
Walking	O	Inter-office, to/from office equipment
Lifting	F	Office supplies, files, reports, headset, flashlight, maps, directories, books, manuals, hand-held radio, telephones
Carrying	F	Office supplies, files, reports, headset, flashlight, maps, directories, books, manuals, hand-held radio
Pushing/Pulling	R	Chair
Reaching	F	Office supplies, files, reports, headset, flashlight, maps, directories, books, manuals, hand-held radio, telephones
Handling	F	Office supplies, files, reports, headset, flashlight, maps, directories, books, manuals, hand-held radio, telephones
Fine Dexterity	С	Computer keyboard, answering telephones, dispatching
Kneeling	N	
Crouching	N	
Crawling	N	
Bending	N	
Twisting	N	
Climbing	N	
Balancing	N	
Vision	C	Computer, desk work, filing, answering telephones, dispatching
Hearing	С	Telephone, radio, dispatching, co-workers, supervisors, caller information, police, fire or other medical emergency team member, meetings
Talking	С	Telephone, radio, dispatching, co-workers, supervisors, caller, police, fire or other medical emergency team member
Foot Controls	F	Dispatching equipment
Other (specify)	F	Life and death stress situations

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### MACHINES, TOOLS, EQUIPMENT, AND WORK AIDS:

Multi-line telephone console, Motorola radio console, EMD (Emergency Medical Dispatch) Pre-arrival cards, NAWAS Phone (Weather Alert and High Priority Lines), headsets, Dictaphone recorders, hand held portable radio, dispatch map book, city directories, city phone listings, cross reference directories, console emergency contact books, maps, copy machine, fax machine, NCIC printer (NRDB), ANI (Automated number locator), ALI (Automated location indicator) printer, city wide emergency contact book (Supervisors console (5)), CAD (computer aided dispatch) manual, Hazmat contact and product identification book, NFPS (Norfolk Fire paramedical services) fire demand zone book, Public Safety activity code list, TDD (Telephone Device for the Deaf) keyboard, Paper trimmer, paper shredder, chairs, wrecker sheet, evacuation boxes, flashlights, training tools: TV, VCR, tapes, videos, VCIN (Virginia Criminal Information Network) book, NCIC (National Crime Information Center) book, NFPS complaint and incident card, NFPS Rolodex, Standard Microsoft Windows and Office software, CAD, Pistol 2000, GLINK (Out of State inquiries), Sims II, Snap personal computer, PRC, interfaces and software for all described programs, Internet/Intranet

### **ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS:**

D = Daily	W = Several	M = Several	S = Seasonally	N = Never
	Times Per Week	Times Per Month		

HEALTH AND SAFETY		ENVIRONMENTAL FACTO	RS
Mechanical Hazards	N	Dirt and Dust	D
Chemical Hazards	N	Extreme Temperatures	S
Electrical Hazards	N	Noise and Vibration	N
Fire Hazards	N	Fumes and Odors	M
Explosives	N	Wetness/Humidity	N
Communicable Diseases	N	Darkness or Poor Lighting	N
Physical Danger or Abuse	N		
Other (see 1 below)	N		

PRIMARY WORK LOCATION				
Office Environment				
Warehouse				
Shop				
Vehicle				
Outdoors				
Other (see 2 below)	X			

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#### **PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:**

None

#### **NON-PHYSICAL DEMANDS:**

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2/3 or more of the time.	From $1/3$ to $2/3$ of the time.	Up to $1/3$ of the time.	Less than 1 hour per week.	Never occurs.

NON-PHYSICAL DEMANDS	
Time Pressures	F
Emergency Situations	F
Frequent Change of Tasks	F
Irregular Work Schedule/Overtime	R
Performing Multiple Tasks Simultaneously	F
Working Closely with Others as Part of a Team	С
Tedious or Exacting Work	О
Noisy/Distracting Environment	C
Other (see 3 below)	N

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